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serving content to a storage medium when said comparing determines that said present time falls within said period.

Please **ADD** the following **NEW** claim:

20. (NEW) A method comprising:

reading an interval of time from a storage medium; and allowing access to data if a present time falls within the interval of time.

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 are pending.

New claim 20 is added.

Various of the claims are amended.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-20 are pending herein for consideration.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

As discussed at an interview between the Examiner and the undersigned Attorney on December 6, 1999, the above claim amendments place all of the claims in condition for allowance.

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III. NEW CLAIM 20

New claim 20 recites features not disclosed by the prior art and using language deemed acceptable by the Examiner in the interview. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 20 is in condition for allowance.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-referenced application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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